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Bush tours Tyndall facilities, talks quality-of-life

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TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AETCNS) —President George W. Bush paid his first official visit to an Air Force installation as president here Monday. During the visit, he toured base facilities and discussed the defense budget and quality-of-life issues with Air Force members and their families.

The president made it clear that better housing for military members is a priority. “I want to see that people are well housed in the military,” he told a group of Air Force members and their families who talked with him at the Tyndall AFB Youth Center.

While taking time to visit the home of Senior Airman Donnie Bryant, a 325th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal equipment section worker, the president addressed some of the airman’s concerns about older housing units.

“That is one of the reasons I have come to your house,” President Bush

told Airman Bryant. “I look forward to working with your Air Force commanders and base commanders to refurbish housing and build new housing. This way our troops will be able to have their families well taken care of.”

Another subject President Bush addressed was a pay raise for military members and its place in his defense budget. “One part of the budget I submitted to the Congress is a pay raise for those who wear the uniform,” he said. “I believe by focusing on our mission we can improve morale, but I know by paying folks more we can improve morale as well.”

Capt. Dennis G. Scarborough, 95th Fighter Squadron assistant director of operations who also met with the president, said he seemed genuinely interested in military members’ needs and concerns. “We talked primarily about housing, pay raises, the defense budget and overseas issues,” said the captain. “He (the president) listened carefully to us and expressed support for taking care of the military

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Lisa Carroll

President George W. Bush greets a crowd of service-members, civilian employees, retirees and their family members during his visit to here Monday. Bush visited Tyndall to tour base facilities and talk about quality-of-life issues with Air Force members.

AETC Command Chief visit Tyndall troops, talks top issues

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Tyndall’s NCOs are playing a vital part in the command’s retention efforts, according to Chief Master Sgt. Bill Milligan, Air Education and Training Command command chief master sergeant, during a visit to Tyndall March 7-10.

The visit was the chief’s first since assuming his position in February, 2000.

“I came to speak with people about Air Force programs - what’s going on, what we’re doing,” said Chief Milligan. “We’re trying to bring them up to date and give them accurate information. After I finish I’m going to take what I find back to the boss (Gen. Hal Hornburg, AETC commander) and give him

feedback on how things are going out in the field.”

According to the chief, Tyndall is a lot like other bases in that everyone shares the same concerns about the same programs, and Tyndall has the programs to address those concerns.

“There are a lot of things going on here to keep people up-to-date; a lot of great seminars and programs that are keeping people well informed,” he said. “I’m impressed that you have senior NCOs taking the time to run these programs because these NCOs giving of themselves and taking a personal interest in the development of our young airman is an inherent responsibility that must be exercised. Plus there is always that sense of unit morale, purpose and mission. I see a lot of that here at Tyndall.”

The command currently has four top pri-

orities - recruiting, retention, technical training and flying training. Each presents unique challenges, according to the chief.

“Obviously recruiting is a big challenge,” the chief continued. “It’s not a problem - it’s a challenge. Recruiters will get the job done - I’m convinced of that. The problem is retention. It’s retention that creates a recruiting challenge. When you have to recruit 34,600 people, you’re losing a lot of experienced people that we’d like to keep. It takes a long time to train folks back up. It takes 10 years to train a 10-year staff sergeant. Addressing retention issues and how we fix them and how to increase retention rates is obviously a challenge.”

Technical training issues aren’t as complex as recruiting and retention, but equally important. According to Chief Milligan, while we continue top-notch training for airmen,

there might be small structural problems and little issues that could use a second look.

“We’re still training the best airmen for the best Air Force in the world; there’s no doubt about it,” he said. “But there are probably structural changes we can take a look at from a policy perspective on who is responsible for what. Maybe it’s time to look at functional alignments of technical training.”

Flying training is also a concern of not just AETC, but also a large amount of Air Force leadership. As jobs for pilots become more available in the civilian world, the need to retain and train pilots in the Air Force increases.

“Pilot production has gone up dramatically due to losses,” he said. “When I traveled with the Secretary of the Air Force to a few bases,

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he was extremely impressed that the T-1, a plane that was built to fly two or three times a week, was flying four or five times a day. I know this is going to be a challenge for a time to come. The civilian airlines would hire every military pilot that was eligible to get out of the military today if they could, and right now they're getting a lot of them. But we're looking at ways to keep them in as well."

Tyndall has a program on the cutting edge of retention, giving airmen the tools they need to make informed career decisions.

"I had the opportunity to talk with Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia and a group of airmen in the Right Decision program. The group, some first-term and some second-term airmen, are sitting in a window where they have to make a career decision soon. I know the program is giving them the information they need to make an informed decision. I'm glad to see Tyndall doing it - kudos to the chief and Tyndall for initiating it.

"I told the airmen in that program, 'I can't make your mind up for you. People leave for right and

wrong reasons; I've got to make sure you leave for the right reasons. And not because of what you heard, or erroneous information or what you didn't hear because nobody took the time to tell you. It's important that the decision to stay or go is made for the right reasons.'"

In addition to the programs aimed at enhancing retention in the Air Force, the chief said NCOs carry a large weight in people's decision to stay in the military.

"There are a lot of things enlisted leadership can do to have an impact on recruiting and retention," Chief Milligan said. "We can't do pay, we can't do entitlements; those are congressional issues that senior leadership in Washington and our four-stars address. We owe them a great deal of credit; they've made some great strides in improving pay, entitlements, and benefits. We've had some nice pay raises. Operations tempo is not really an issue anymore; TRICARE is not really an issue anymore. Those things we can give credit to senior leadership for working with Congress to make happen."

"We as NCOs need to realize we have a huge effect on young airmen

and their decision to stay in the Air Force. By giving them valuable information, they can make informed decisions. The NCO has to have a sense of pride in what he does and he has to pass that to his airmen. All airmen really want to know is, how do I fit in? Why is what I do important? As my boss says, people don't stay or leave the Air Force for money, they stay or leave based on their perceived self-worth to the organization. I think NCOs, and senior NCOs in particular, have an inherit responsibility to let airmen know these things so when they do get ready to make their career decisions, they'll have all the information available to them."

And according to the chief, Team Tyndall is right on track with it's programs; from making sure airmen have the arsenal of weapons needed to make sound decisions, to having teachers and guides willing to help show them the opportunities in their future.

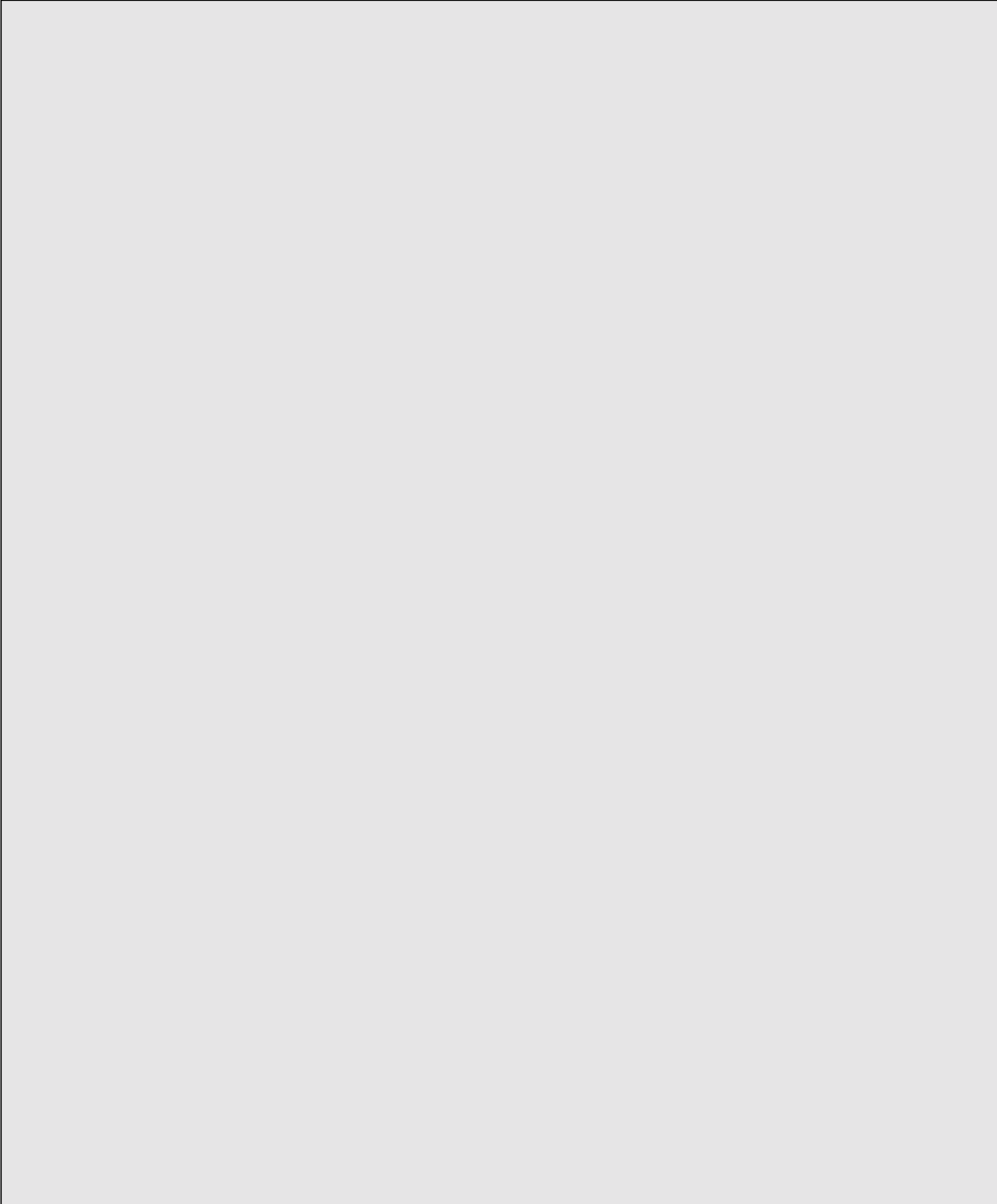
"I was extremely impressed with the pride and the knowledge of the enlisted folks here at Tyndall. Obviously that's a tribute to leadership. People don't get that way by mistake. There is some genuine desire and caring here to make sure people know they are cared about from a professional stand-point," he said.

"It starts at the top with the wing commander and goes right down to the command chief and other senior NCOs," he added. "The senior NCO's on this base that are dedicating there time and energy to these seminars and programs, that's something they have to want to do, it doesn't get them any more money, it's not part of their job description, but it is part of their inherit responsibility as an NCO. They obviously take that seriously and I applaud them. Tyndall is a base where the outstanding is routine."



2nd Lt. Brian Cortez

Chief Master Sgt. Bill Milligan, Air Education and training command command Chief Master Sgt., talks with airman in the Right Decision Program March 8 at Tyndall.



Tyndall airman found dead

Airman 1st Class Russell Crowe
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Airman. Joseph Ralicke, an airman assigned to the 325th Security Forces Squadron, apparently committed suicide late Tuesday night in his residence. The airman, who had been assigned to Tyndall since late September 2000, was found after not returning to meet up with friends for midnight chow.

As far as we can tell at this point, there were no indicators that Airman Ralicke was planning on taking his own life, said behavioral health officials. Approximately 50 percent of all suicides are ‘no indicator’ suicides – suicides in which there are no fore-warnings such as depression, the giving away of personal effects or increased alcohol use.

Within the Air Force there are

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and our families.”

Staff Sergeant Amy R. Justice, a 325th Medical Group health services manager who had questions about manpower, also thought President Bush seemed determined to help the military. “We asked about increasing manning in the services,” she said. “We told him that not having enough people sometimes meant doing more with less and that affects our morale. He said he had a team working on this issue and there would be a study to see if we need to boost our military manpower.”

After his messages on housing, pay raises and military quality of life, President Bush had another message for the servicemembers gathered here and for those in uniform around the world.

“I’m proud of the men and women who wear our uniforms,” Bush said. “I look forward to shaking your hands and looking you in the eye and thanking you for serving America. For those of you who I don’t get to look in the eye ... thanks for serving America!”

three major risk factors that lead to suicide: relationship problems, financial problems and legal problems. Whether or not Airman Ralicke fell into any of these categories, or if he did in fact commit suicide, is the subject of an ongoing investigation by the Office of Special Investigations here.

There will be a memorial service Monday at 2 p.m. for Airman Ralicke. Monsignor Norman G. Metsy, a retired priest who offers his services as an auxiliary priest for the 325th Fighter Wing, will perform the service. Base chaplain Capt. Buddy Walker will assist.

“We are working in close support with the behavioral science clinic and offering the ministry of listening and grief counseling to anyone that would like to see us and talk,” Chaplain Walker said. “If anyone wants to talk about their feelings they are more than welcome to come by and see us or give us a call at 283-2925.”

In addition to the chapels, the behavioral science clinic is talking with troops about the incident.

“We’ve gone into the squadron and talked with troops about normal reactions to traumatic experiences like this - what signs and symptoms to look for in yourself to know whether or not you are experiencing some emotional difficulties,” said Dr. (Capt.) Robert Klukoff, flight commander of the Behavioral Sciences Flight. “We talk about ways in which those symptoms can be minimized so they don’t become prolonged and cause problems down the line.”

According to Dr. Klukoff, some

ways to minimize symptoms include getting enough rest, eating a healthy diet, getting some exercise and trying to maintain a routine. But the most important thing is being able to talk it out.

“If you’re feeling this way, please, by all means contact someone and talk to them,” he said. “Whether it’s a boss, a helping agency like behavioral sciences or the chaplains, find someone to talk with. If you’re a friend or a supervisor and you see a troop with these symptoms, get help for them so they can talk with someone.”

Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Hodges, 325th Security Forces Squadron superintendent, took a moment to reflect on the loss of the young airman while looking towards the future and the well being of the other airmen in the squadron.

“Our concerns are for his family and to make sure we do everything right by them,” he said. “Within the squadron we are taking every precaution and measure through behavioral health and the chaplains to make sure our folks are taken care of. We’re making sure our troops get whatever help they need.”

“We lost a member of the Team Tyndall family this week,” said Brig. Gen. William Hodgkins, 325th Fighter Wing commander. “While it is difficult for us to handle now, as we remember Airman Ralicke, we must look out for each other. Suicide is never an answer. If anyone feels depressed or feels as if they might consider taking their life, please seek counseling from one of the helping agencies we have at Tyndall.”

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Fatalities	1	0	-1
DUIs	14	0	-14

Commander's Corner



Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins
325th Fighter Wing
commander

What a week we've had! First off, we had the great privilege and honor of having **President George W. Bush** visit us Monday. I'm truly pleased that we had the occasion to hear our new commander in chief speak to us in person and share his thoughts on the future direction of the military.

Besides Tyndall having the distinct pleasure of listening to the president, some of our people had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet and speak personally with him. Being able to sit down with the president and discuss Air Force and family issues was uncommon, if not unprecedented, and I appreciate the candor and professionalism of the Air Force members and their families who were involved. The president can only benefit from hearing the voices of his troops at Tyndall.

During the president's visit, we also had the good fortune of having **Governor Jeb Bush, Congressman Allen Boyd, Congressman Joe Scarborough, CSAF Mike Ryan and CMSAF Jim Finch** visit us. These are all people who are concerned about the welfare of our nation's servicemembers, and it was an added bonus to be able to speak with them and show them what we are all about at Tyndall.

During Gen. Ryan and Chief Finch's visit, they talked with some of our commanders, officers and enlisted troops. There was some great feedback given to our Air Force leadership and I know the Air Force will benefit from the inputs they are taking back to Washington, D.C. with them. This is exactly the way Air Force members can positively effect the future direction of the Air Force. Way to go Team Tyndall!

It goes without saying that hosting the president of the United



States takes an enormous amount of preparation — but I do have a lot to say about it. On extremely short notice, the way Team Tyndall pulled together and made this special event a success, I can only say I am truly grateful and thankful. From the people who worked long hours in the days and the week end preceding the visit, the people going above and beyond to coordinate with the White House staff, to the contractors who made this base sparkle through their efforts, you folks really hit a home run with this event. The whole effort was phenomenal and really paid off — the base has never looked better. You have made a lasting impression in representing Team Tyndall and the Air Force to our guests. I'm proud of your accomplishments and I thank you again.

On a sad note, we lost a member of Team Tyndall Tuesday. Amn. Joseph Ralicke was assigned to the 325th Security Forces Squadron, but he will be missed by the whole Tyndall community. Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Airman Ralicke, and we hope they find the peace and strength to deal with this tragedy.

There will be a memorial service 2 p.m. Monday at Chapel 2 in remembrance of Airman Ralicke.

An important event for us is coming up next weekend — the open house and air show. This is another great opportunity for us to show what the Air Force and Team

Action Line



Lisa Carroll

Members of the Civil Engineer Maintenance, Inspection and Repair Team got a little more working room with the opening of two new buildings on their complex March 2. The need for more space at the complex became necessary last year when the overhaul mission, which had been split between three bases, was consolidated here. Pictured are, Col. Bruce Barthold, Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency commander, Col. Worth Carter, 325th Support Group commander; and Lt. Col. John Borland, 325th Civil Engineer Group commander.

Q: I would like to voice my concerns about how medical appointments were handled during the recent ORI for the base. I had an appointment for some time for my child and when we arrived I was told that because of the ORI all appointments were being delayed and all doctors were participating in the inspection. If this was the case, why, rather than having all the children and parents sitting around for hours on the possibility of seeing a doctor, did you not send them downtown or not schedule appointments for those days that you knew you would be exercising? If we have sick children I do not feel they or the pediatric doctors should take a back seat to an exercise.

A: I share your concern and regret the inconvenience caused to Pediatric Clinic patients during the recent ORI Major Accident Response Exercise. When the MARE began, it was not possible to

predict when the providers would return to the clinic, patients were offered an option of waiting until the completion of the MARE or rescheduling their appointment. Every effort was made by the Pediatric Clinic staff to accommodate the waiting patients.

The ORI MARE is a higher-headquarters directed, no-notice exercise scenario that tests the medical group's readiness and response capability to an on-base accident that generates injuries/casualties. Because it was no-notice and could have occurred at any time during the ORI week, the medical group did not have the opportunity to schedule around the MARE. We did not feel it would have been prudent to have cancelled appointments for the entire week to have avoided temporarily delaying patient care while providers responded to this exercise event. Again, we regret the inconvenience this situation caused for you and your child.

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For **fraud, waste and abuse** calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning **energy abuse** should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

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National Women’s History Month - celebrating Women of Courage and Vision

Recalling life as one of the first women in Air Force uniform

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MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J. (AFNS) — In July 1942, Americans were listening to



Grace Peterson

“Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammu-nition” on their radios; “The Pride of the Yankees” with Gary Cooper and Babe

Ruth opened in movie theaters; and newsreels were telling the story of an American victory near a little island in the Pacific called Midway.

The United States had been at war for little more than seven months and millions of men from all walks of life left their jobs for military service. In response, women were answering the call to

work in factories producing aircraft, tanks and ammunition. While “Rosie the Riveter” went to work in cities across the country, another group of women found a new way to serve — in uniform. Grace A. Peterson was one of those women.

“It was a time of decision for me and the country,” said Ms. Peterson of he choice to enlist in the newly formed Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps.

“We were targets of considerable criticism, but, thank goodness, our spirits prevailed through the first stormy months.”

In fact, Ms. Peterson’s spirits prevailed for the next 21 years of her career. Her first challenge came at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, an Army cavalry base that had been quickly converted to serve as the first WAAC training base. Ms. Peterson’s basic training class would be the first enlisted class to graduate from Fort Des Moines, one of the many “firsts” in her career.

Upon graduation, “auxiliary” Ms.

Peterson was assigned to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where she served as a company clerk, training instructor and finally as first sergeant, a position she would hold for the remainder of her career.

During her assignment to Fort Oglethorpe, the Army recognized the important roles the WAAC could serve both at home and abroad. Unable to offer “auxiliary” force members benefits if injured, or protection under traditional conventions if captured, the Army petitioned Congress to convert the WAAC into the Women’s Army Corps. On July 3, 1943, the WAC bill was signed into law. All former WAACs were given the choice of returning to civilian life or joining the Army. Ms. Peterson stayed.

Shortly after her conversion to the WAC, Ms. Peterson was assigned to an Army Air Force unit

at Romulus, Mich.

“That was a big squadron up there. There were about a thousand women assigned to duties all over the base, operating 24-hours a day,” said Ms. Peterson. “It was quite a chore keeping up with all the issues the women faced.”

She would later leave Romulus to serve out the rest of the war in the “beautiful country” of Ladd Field, Fairbanks, Alaska, where units assigned to the Alaskan Wing of Air Transport Command engaged in ferrying aircraft to Russia.

Following the end of the war, Ms. Peterson was moved to Westover Air Force Base, Mass., staying there for eight years. While at Westover, she would again have to choose — between the Army and the newly created Women’s Air Force.

“I just stayed with it. Most of us

did,” Peterson said from her Florida home. “I can only think of about a half dozen women who left and went to the Army. I guess I just thought it (the Air Force) was the best branch to be in. I still do.”

Peterson’s decision to stay had a great impact on her personal life. In 1951, she met Master Sgt. David F. Peterson, who had been recalled to active duty because of the Korean War. In 1955, seven months after her arrival at McGuire, the Petersons were married.

At McGuire, Ms. Peterson helped establish the operations of the 1611th Air Base Group WAF Squadron, which was assigned to the Military Air Transport Service Atlantic Division.

“At first there were an awful lot of problems,” she said. “We

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Tyndall, civilians find common ground; sign contract

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Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins, 325th Fighter Wing commander, and Mr. Jesse Kirvin, the head of the American Federation of Government Employees, signed an appropriated fund union contract in a ceremony March 6 at the Union Hall. The contract is a memorandum of agreement on base policies for civilian employees between Tyndall and the AFGE.

“Civilian employees play a major role in Team Tyndall’s success,” said General Hodgkins. “This contract assures our relationship with our civilian employees remains one of the best in the Air Force.”

In 1994, the contract was renegotiated due to some conflicts between the employees and management. A new process of Interest Based Bargaining was introduced to Tyndall and the Union.

“IBB is a negotiating process where the two parties set an agenda in front of a committee to determine if the policies meet the

appropriate criteria,” Mr. Kirvin said.

“This enables the negotiations to take place in a safe environment for both parties and it works out for civilian employees to have the bargaining complete within a couple of weeks rather than a couple of months or years,” he added.

“The contract is negotiated and approved for given periods of time and ours generally expires once every three years,” said Ms. Penny Arnett, the Tyndall AFB labor relations officer. “Tyndall is the very first base in the Air Force to do IBB.

“The important thing about this contract and this whole process is that we have an excellent partnership with this local union. Normally it can take months or sometimes even years to renegotiate a contract,” Ms. Arnett said.

There have been very few changes to the contract since 1994 because the contract settled most of the conflicts between management and employees. This allowed Tyndall and the AFGE to improve their relationship.

Ms. Arnett believes, “we evolved into the

kind of relationship that I know other bases really envy.”

“Some important factors that we have

gained from this whole process is being honest, communicating and learning to trust each other,” Mr. Kirvin said.



Courtesy photo

Mr. Jesse Kirvin, the head of the American Federation of Government Employees, and Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins, 325th Fighter Wing commander, sign an appropriated fund union contract in a ceremony March 6 at the Union Hall. The contract is a memorandum of agreement on base policies for civilian employees between Tyndall and AFGE.

Today in history

- 1527** The Emperor Babur defeats the Rajputs at the Battle of Kanvaha, removing the main Hindu rivals in Northern India.
- 1621** The first Indian appears to colonists in Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- 1833** Susan Hayhurst becomes the first woman to graduate from a pharmacy college.
- 1850** Nathaniel Hawthorne’s *The Scarlet Letter* is published.
- 1865** Union troops push past Confederate blockers at the Battle of Averasborough, N.C.
- 1907** The British cruiser *Invincible*, the world’s largest, is completed at Glasgow shipyards.
- 1913** The 15,000-ton battleship *Pennsylvania* is launched.
- 1917** Russian Czar Nicholas II abdicates his throne.
- 1926** Physicist Robert H. Goddard launches the first liquid-fuel rocket.
- 1928** The United States plans to send 1,000 more Marines to Nicaragua.
- 1935** Adolf Hitler orders a German rearmament and violates the Versailles Treaty.
- 1945** Iwo Jima is declared secure by U.S. forces although small pockets of Japanese resistance still exist.
- 1954** CBS introduces *The Morning Show* hosted by Walter Cronkite to compete with NBC’s *Today Show*.
- 1968** U.S. troops in Vietnam destroy a village consisting mostly of women and children, the action is remembered as the My-Lai massacre.
- 1985** Associated Press newsmen, Terry Anderson is taken hostage in Beirut.

MilMod replaces current personnel system

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — In less than two months, military personnelists throughout the Air Force, Air National Guard and Reserve will begin using state-of-the-art technology to process “total force” personnel information.

The Air Force Military Personnel Data System Modernization program, or MilMod, will be turned on May 1, replacing the 1970s technology currently being used with a relational database using the Oracle Human Resources software. It has been more than 20 years since the last major update.

“We’ve been working hard for nearly five years building this modernized system to take Air Force personnel processing into the next century,” said Lt. Col. Ed Oliver, MilMod program manager at the Air Force Personnel Center here. “Our folks have been working seriously long hours to get this new system up and running by the May 1 deadline. We’re now in the final stretch and are building the world’s largest, and we think the best,

human resource system.”

This new system will support all “life cycle” personnel management functions from recruiting through job assignment and ultimately separation or retirement. It will provide real-time updating and reporting capabilities that are not available in today’s Personnel Data System, Oliver said.

“Current automation technology is being leveraged to improve support at all levels and is the foundation for building a robust integrated personnel system for the total force,” he said.

The new system has several inherent improvements over the current system. The most apparent improvement is the graphical-user interface, which will give personnel technicians online, real-time access to personnel information.

“We’ve also standardized the support we’re providing to the total force,” Oliver said. “This will improve system support to the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel processes.”

But, as with any new system, there will

be a transition period where the normal personnel functions that people use will be unavailable, officials said. There will be a nine-day period prior to the implementation date where no personnel transactions will be accepted into the systems being replaced. All active-duty, Guard and Reserve members are urged to complete any personnel actions before April 21 to ensure the transactions are processed prior to the transition, or people can wait until MilMod comes online May 1.

For more information, visit the MilMod home page.

http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mod-ern/default_ie.htm

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Tyndall is all about to the public. I know everyone is working very hard to prepare for this spectacular event. I can’t wait to see all of the festivities and entertainment come together. I have a feeling this will be our best air show ever.

Finally, I’d like to remind everyone about the Special Olympics and Regatta coming up Saturday. I want to encourage everyone to come and support these activities. Thanks to all of the volunteers who took the time to make these events happen. The regatta is the first of many open-house events, and I’m sure it will set the tone for a great Air Force week.



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weren’t accepted that readily. They were intent on billeting the women as far away from the male living quarters as they could possibly get. There was a different attitude than than there is now.”

Despite the early problems, she went on to achieve several other Air Force “firsts” while at McGuire. In 1958, Peterson and her husband attended the MATS Noncommissioned Officer Academy, where they were one of the first two military couples to graduate (the other couple was in the same class). Ms. Peterson was also one of the first women to attend the course.

When she was promoted to senior master sergeant in March 1959, the couple was considered “unique in the Air Force” as the first husband and wife team to reach E-8.

Just more than a year later, she would achieve the “first” she is best known for — being the first woman to be selected for promotion to

chief master sergeant.

“She was very happy about it and so was I,” said retired Chief Master Sgt. David Peterson. “She worked very hard to get there.”

Three years later, Ms. Peterson retired from active duty. For 20 years she supervised, mentored, counseled and served as a kind of surrogate mother to thousands of young female airmen, who faced many of the same problems of women in today’s Air Force, according to Ms. Peterson.

Not surprisingly, her fondest memories are of those troops.

“We used to have regular parade competitions. Well, some of the gals used to pray for rain on Friday nights. I’d say ‘better not rain ‘cause you kids are sure gonna’ get out there and walk,” Ms. Peterson said laughing.

“And we did — we had a good marching outfit at McGuire. I think it’s all part of good discipline.”

Today, songs on the radio sing of world peace, “Titanic” reigns supreme on the silver screen and

cable news channels still tell the stories of American victories in isolated corners of the world. Though some things never change, others do.

American women now serve side-by-side with their male counterparts as pilots, mechanics, aircrew members, commanders and in many other roles that were closed to Ms. Peterson. Air Force women can now have children without fear of being discharged; dormitories and basic training are now co-ed; and assignments are not based on gender.

While the integration of women wasn’t easy, it remains part of the Air Force’s golden legacy — a legacy that belongs, in part, to Grace Peterson.



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New Era Dawning for Civil Air Patrol

Ms. Hyla Pearson
*Air University
public affairs*

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AETCNS) - A historic first meeting of the Civil Air Patrol Board of Governors signaled the dawning of a new day between Air Force and its civilian auxiliary, the Civil Air Patrol. The board convened March 5 in Crystal City, Va.

In a vote of confidence for his past initiatives to bring harmony between CAP and the Air Force, members unanimously elected retired Lt. Gen. Nicholas Kehoe as chairman of the newly established board. CAP Col. Richard L. Bowling was unanimously elected vice chairman of the board.

Both will serve a two-year term as directed by legislation. The position of the chairperson will rotate every two years between CAP and the Air Force. In a letter to the board, Senator Tom Harkin, (D.-Iowa), appropriation committee member, directed the

board to provide strong leadership to CAP.

“I hope you will provide a strong, independent oversight of the Civil Air Patrol organization, not as representatives of the Air Force, CAP management, or independent outside agencies, but as an independent governing board,” said Senator Harkin in the letter.

The meeting agenda included briefings from the Air Force Auxiliary Board, CAP-USAF and CAP concerning the CAP mission in relation to the Air Force, overall funding and present shortfalls, and organizational structure. Other items included amendments to the CAP constitution, defining the overall level of authority the board will assume, and recommendations for consideration from the CAP National Board.

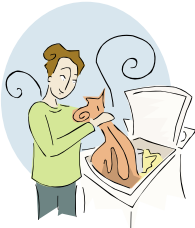
The board considered and adopted several amendments to the CAP constitution to conform to changes in the law.

CAP Brig. Gen. James C. Bobick relayed the CAP National Board members’ request for clarification as to the future duties and authority of the National Board and National Executive Committee. In a move to define that authority, members agreed that day-to-day activities and actions should remain within the auspices of the CAP National Board. The Board unanimously agreed that the Board of Governors, by law, is the governing body.

Questions concerning the specific roles and responsibilities of the board were brought to the floor. The board tasked Col. Robert Brooks, the CAP Executive Director and Executive Secretary to the Board of Governors, to develop a proposal for discussion to the next meeting and report back to the board.

Lt. Gen. Kehoe summed up the meeting as a success. “I have a hard time understanding how the relationship was anything other than it is today. It is an absolutely wonderful relationship,” he said.

Team Tyndall Pride



Take pride in Team Tyndall and its beauty. Pick up trash if you see it or do a self-help project — we all reap the benefits of a clean environment.

Features

Hail to the chief: Tyndall rolls out red carpet, shows 'people' side of Air Force

Tech. Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

*325th Fighter Wing
public affairs*

With the clouds holding back rain and storm winds and arms whipping American flags into a frenzy, approximately 4,000 people greeted President George W. Bush with a roar Monday as he stepped onto the Tyndall tarmac from Air Force One.

After a short speech in which the president talked about improving military housing and pay raises for servicemembers, he thanked servicemembers for their dedication to America. "I am proud of the men and women who wear our uniforms," President Bush said. "We are counting on you. Our nation relies upon you to keep the peace, and we will do so."

After addressing the crowd, President Bush stepped over and greeted people, shaking hands and speaking to those along the greeting line.

"It was kind of overwhelming, I felt very lucky and privileged," said Airman 1st Class Jonathan K. Tringali, 95th Fighter Squadron assistant dedicated crew chief, one of the people who met the president in the greeting line. "It was a good feeling to shake my commander-in-chief's hand, and it was even better to be able to salute him. It really made my day."

Another stage of the president's visit was a stop to see the older housing unit of Senior Airman Donnie Bryant, a 325th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal equipment section worker. "It was an honor to have President Bush in our home," he said. "I think this is something that doesn't happen to many people, and I'm glad

that my family had this opportunity."

After his stop in housing, the president traveled to the Tyndall Youth Center to talk with five Air Force members and their families about issues of concern to service-members. "He (the president) is a very personable person," said Staff Sgt. Amy R. Justice, 325th Medical Group health services manager. "He put us at ease and made us feel comfortable and listened to us. This was definitely a moment that we will all remember."

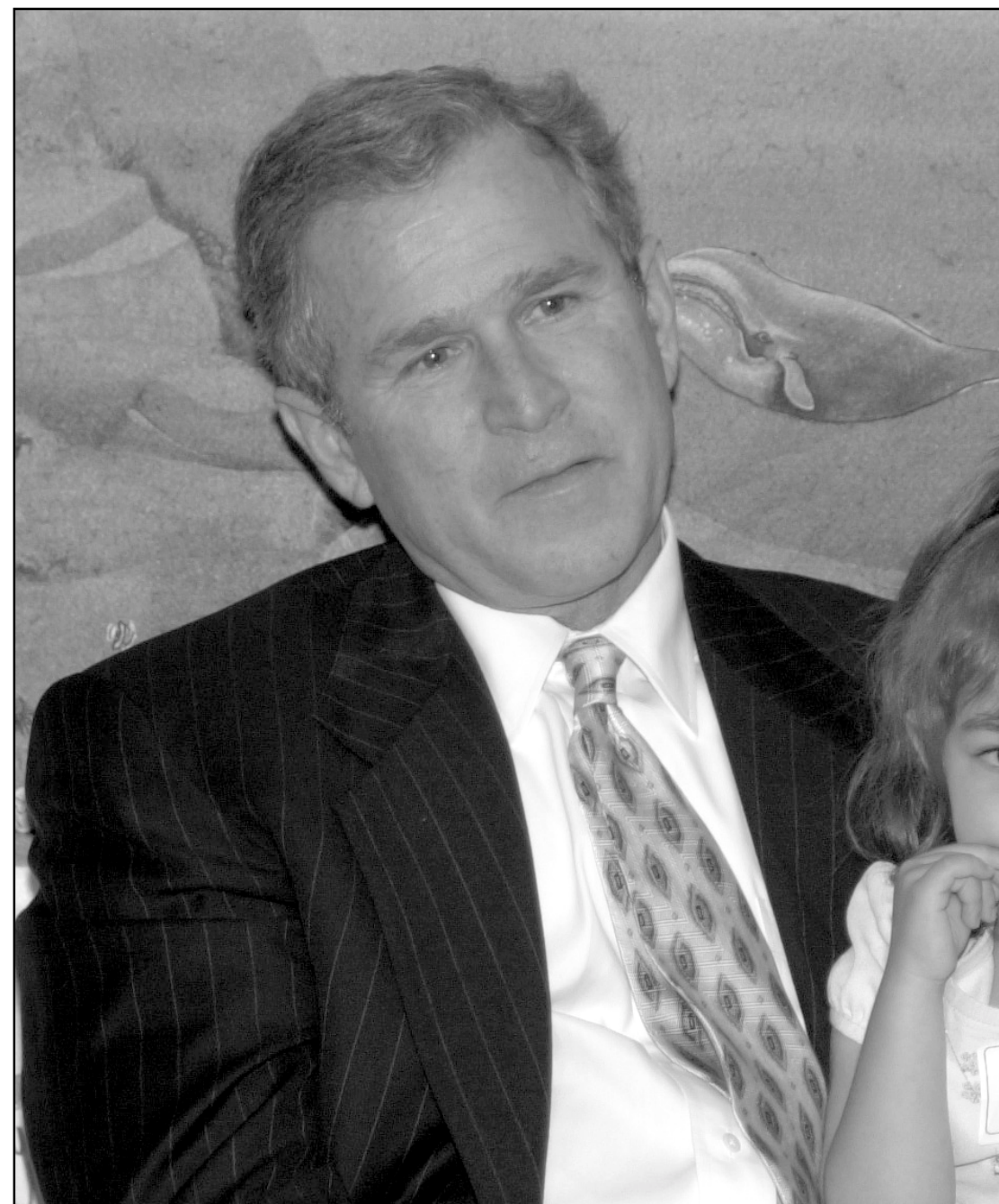
Another member of the group who met personally with the president, Capt. Dennis G. Scarborough, 95th Fighter Squadron assistant director of operations, also thought it was a great moment. "This was a remarkable experience, being able to discuss important issues with the president," he said. "From a military man's standpoint this was a great honor."

Some of the family members in the group also questioned the president. "I asked him (the president) about what sports he liked and he said baseball," said Randy T. Peterson, 8-year-old son of Staff Sgt. Leo Peterson, 2nd Fighter Squadron armament systems specialist. "I liked talking to him and I'm sure I am going to remember this when I'm older."

Making this a visit to remember took a lot of work behind the scenes, and that work is appreciated, said Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins, 325th Fighter Wing commander. "Hosting the president takes an enormous amount of preparation," he said. "I'd like to thank all of you who worked very hard to make this special event run smoothly. You made a lasting impression in representing Team Tyndall and the Air Force to our guests."



Chief Master Sgt. Karl W. Meyers, 325th Fighter Wing command chief master sergeant, greets President Bush as Airman 1st Class Jonathan K. Tringali, left, a 95th Fighter Squadron assistant dedicated crew chief, waits to meet the president.



Top middle: President George W. Bush waves to the crowd as he steps off Air Force One. Bottom middle: President Bush relaxes with Nicole Ortiz, three-year-old daughter of Master Sgt. first sergeant, as he talks with Air Force families at the Tyndall Youth Center.



Photos by Lisa Carroll



Top left: President Bush talks about quality-of-life issues with Staff Sgt. Amy R. Justice, 325th Medical Group health services manager, Staff Sgt. Jason J. Justice, 325th Mission Support Squadron military processing facility assistant noncommissioned officer and their sons, Logan, left, and Jacob.

Top right: President Bush talks with Senior Airman Donnie Bryant, a 325th Civil Engineer Squadron explosives ordnance disposal equipment section worker, his daughter Chloe, wife Theresa and reporters about some of the older housing units on Tyndall.

Center left: The president greets military members at the presidential arrival ceremony.

Center right: Master Sgt. John Neely, 325th Security Forces Squadron installation security NCOIC, keeps a watchful eye on the approaches to Air Force One.

Bottom right: President Bush signs an autograph for members of the Peterson family, Staff Sgt. Leo Peterson, 2nd Fighter Squadron armament systems specialist, his daughter, Nicole, and son Randy T. Peterson.

Paul Ortiz, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron

Logistics Group, Operations Group Professional of the Year Awards

Civilian Category



Mrs. Bobbie Davis
Logistics Support



Mr. Michael Hujo
*Lockheed Martin
Support*



Mrs. Dale Peaden
Logistics Group



Mr. Ron Cannon
*Operations Group
Maintenance*



Mr. Edward Byron
Operations Group Staff



Mr. Undray Smith
*Lockheed Martin
Maintenance*

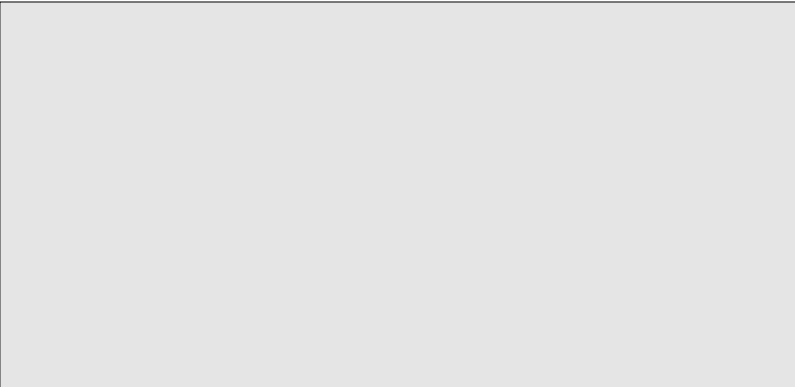
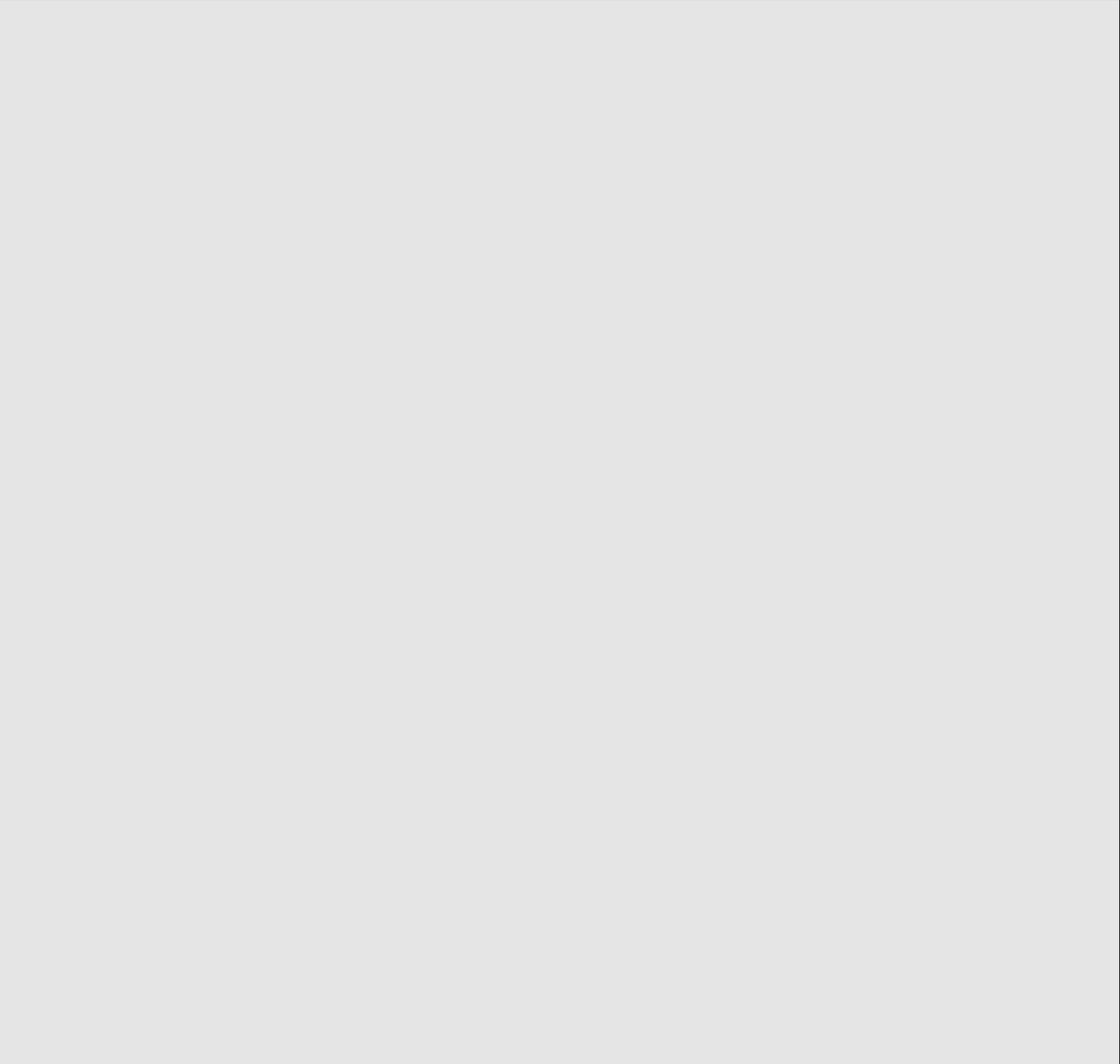


Mr. Marshall Wakefield
*Supply contractor of the
year*



Mr. David Trevvett
*Transpotation Contractor
of the Year*

The 2000 325th Logistics and Operations Groups' Professional of the year awards were presented to 26 of Tyndall's military and civilian personnel in a ceremony March 2.



Airman Category



Staff Sgt. Jody Forcha, Senior Airman Alan Place, Airman 1st Class Dustin Hoover Year 2000 winners of the weapons load-off



Senior Airman
Christopher Tuck
Logistics Group



Airman 1st Class
Rhonda Howansky
operations group staff



Senior Airman Virginia
Graham
logistics staff



Senior Airman Kurt
Dorshimer
*operations group mainte-
nance*



Staff Sgt. Wendy
Aldridge
Operations Group Staff



Tech Sgt. Rosemarie
Goodall
*operations group mainte-
nance*



Staff Sgt. Cleat
Smith
Logistics Group



Staff Sgt. Eric Jackson
logistics support



Tech. Sgt. Paul Baldy
*362nd F-15 mission ready
airman instructor of the
year*



Staff Sgt. Jeffery
Rivera
*Training Detachment 4
Instructor of the Year*



Staff Sgt. Christopher
Roethle
*Dedicated crew chief of
the year*

Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Category



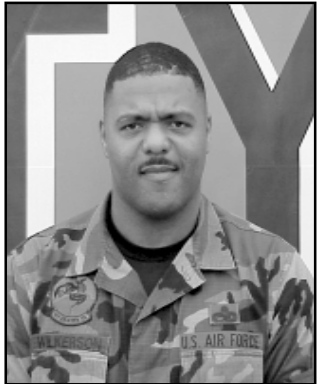
Master Sgt. Steve
Whisenhunt
Operations group staff



Master Sgt. Matt
Standish
Logistics Staff



Master Sgt. Ralph Hall
Logistics Group



Senior Master Sgt.
James Wilkerson
*Operations Group mainte-
nance*

Air Battle Management training both challenging, rewarding

2nd Lt. Brian Cortez
325th Fighter Wing
public affairs

It takes some perseverance and dedication to successfully complete the Air Battle Management training course here at Tyndall. Taking on challenging classes in such areas as radar theory and data links and learning the Airborne Warning and Control Systems through computer modeling simulators are just some of the major tools used to produce an ABM officer.

One important step in having thorough ABM training is having the right equipment. According to Major Fred Maughan, Training Squadron Director of Operations, "Our new AWACS Modeling and Simulation system includes 48 radar consoles, its all based on personal computers and it all runs on the computer operating system, Lennox. It's our belief that it's the largest single Lennox operating system in use in the Air Force today. It is absolutely state-of-the-art, cutting edge technology. Everyone knows that the Air Force is going to Lennox, but we're leading the way."

ABM officers are in high demand all over the world. Overseas locations such as Iceland,

Panama, Saudi Arabia, Geilenkirchen and Ramstein are common places to deploy ABM officers.

"We have about nine hundred officers in the career field right now, with twelve hundred required positions to fill. We just can't seem to produce folks fast enough." According to Major Maughan, "ABM officers are wanted all over. The diplomatic community wants ABM officers overseas because we can bring information systems together."

"Coalition warfare cannot be done without ABM officers," added Major Maughan. "We're going to continue to be in demand and this school is going to be running for a long time."

Students in the ABM school go through 32 weeks of intense training. The students go through various academics to prepare for their future as ABM officers. Topics in the ABM course include Theater Air Operations, Peacetime Air Operations and Intro to Weapons Control, and Air Surveillance Systems and Procedures, Radar Communications Principles and Command and Control Fundamentals. Captain Frank Samuelson, ABM instructor, claims, "the ABM training course is a pretty involved process."

"At times it's challenging because it's a nine month course. Certain phases of it get more challenging than others, but you learn a lot," says Second Lieutenant Fred Aldrich, ABM student. "I can't wait to graduate from this course and use all the skills that I have learned here at Tyndall. I would use the knowledge that I have learned to help defend the United States by guiding our aircraft weapons systems."



2nd Lt. Brian Cortez

Air Battle Management instructors supervise students on radar simulation consoles.

Tyndall housing residents spruce up for spring

Spring is here and it is time to spruce up! You are key players in the reputation Tyndall has enjoyed as a showplace. Springtime provides us another opportunity to excel.

The housing maintenance contractor, DGR and Associates, has begun providing yard improvement supplies. This self-help initiative allows occupants to pick shrubs, annuals, landscaping timbers, and mulch at Bldg. 3304, Prime BEEF Road.

Occupants should order plants for pick-up. Order plants from 12-7 p.m. Wednesdays for pick-up on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Order plants on between 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturdays for pick-up at 12-7 p.m. Wednesdays.

If you are unable to pickup plants as scheduled, they will be given on a first-come basis to walk-in occupants. To get your plants you will have to place another order.

Plant orders are picked up on Wednesdays and Saturdays only. All other yard improvement supplies are available during normal housing improvement center hours, 12-7 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday. Any questions or concerns, please call Steve Calhoun at 283-4689 or Doug Hall, at 283-4648.

The plant program will end on April 25.
ANN J. CARTER
Housing Manager

AFAF Spotlight



2nd Lt. Brian Cortez

Master Sgt. Anthony Simler

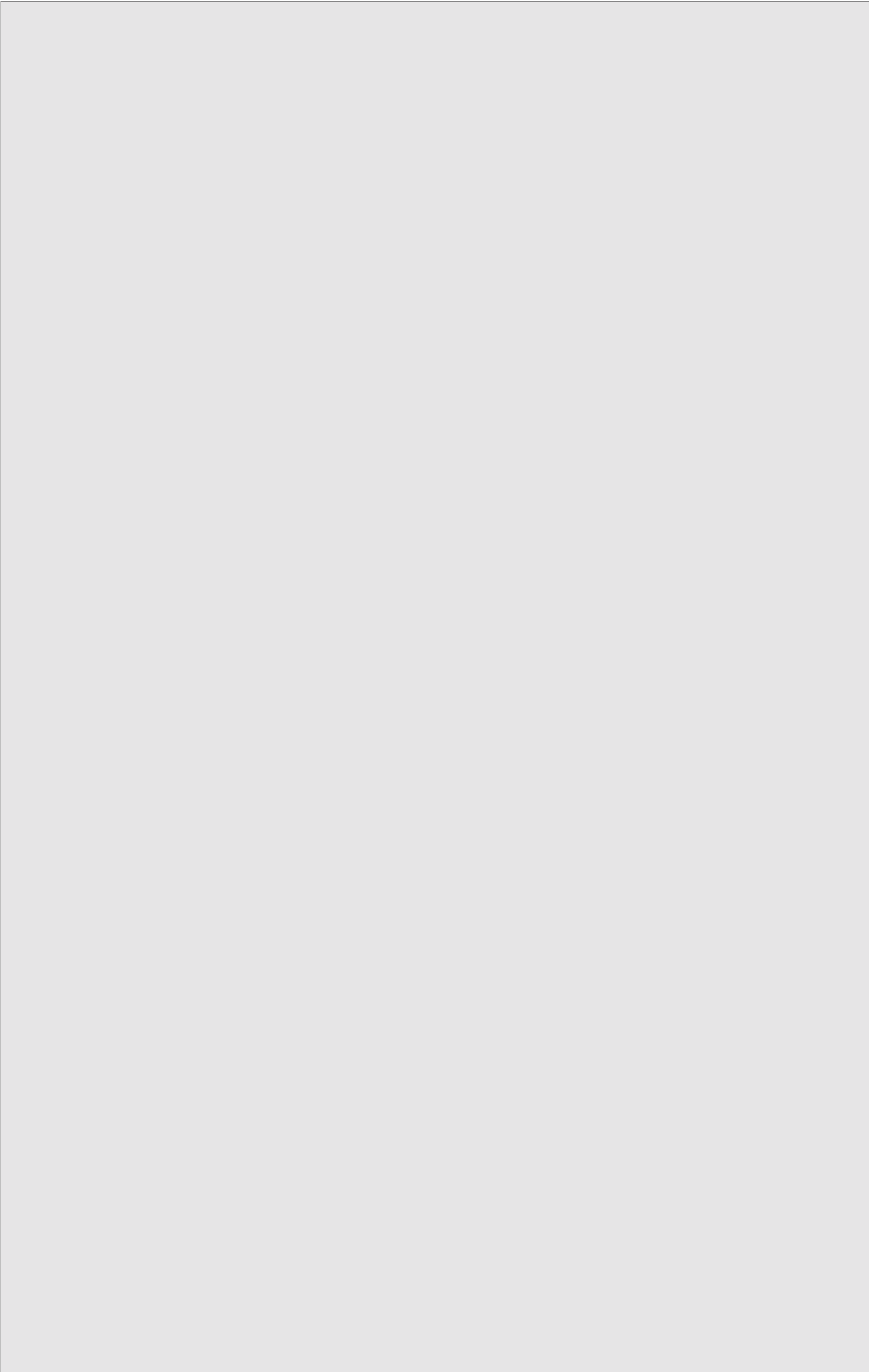
Unit: 325th Command Squadron

Duty Title: First Sergeant

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Executive travel team provides power of communication

Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrell
Air Force Pentagon Communications Agency
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (APFN) — On Monday, “these modern-day McGyvers” may be on a plane destined for Zagreb, Croatia. Tuesday might find them in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

It is all part of the job for being on the executive travel team. The team provide communications support to the Defense Department’s top four leaders anytime they leave Washington.

Like television’s McGyver, they must know how to get out of a tight spot, too. But instead of a pocketknife, they use laptop computers, satellite radios, power supplies and the latest communications technology to turn almost any area into a secure communications center.

Keeping the secretary of defense and Joint Chiefs “connected” around the clock is a serious job, said Senior Master Sgt. Richard Davis. He’s the executive travel director for the Air Force Pentagon Communications Agency’s executive travel communications directorate.

“Our job is to ensure any type of electronic communication available to them at their desk, can also be at their fingertips while traveling,” Davis said.

That takes more than just hooking up a printer and a laptop, he said.

“If the secretary of defense is in the Middle East and needs to call back to Washington, we can’t just hand him an unsecured telephone line,” Davis said.

The team must ensure secure voice, voice recognition quality and high-speed data communications between the National Command Authorities is available within 15 minutes of a request.

Providing that kind of on-the-spot support means travel team members must know their jobs well and those of their co-workers. The team has 24 people in seven Air Force specialty codes. All are intertwined.

“A person in a computer-related AFSC must also know how to hook up a secure telephone line,” he said.

That creates a learning curve for new team members. They must realize they have to do other jobs fast, said Tech. Sgt. Tom Vera, executive travel communications team chief for the office of secretary of

defense.

“We don’t have the luxury of saying ‘that’s not my AFSC,’” Vera said. “We must be able to improvise at a moment’s notice.”

Still, raising their knowledge, while adapting to customer’s “idiosyncrasies” is always a challenge, he said. “But it’s one we relish.”

Team members do not work a nine-to-five job. They are often on the road. But at the end of the day they get great job satisfaction, Vera said.

“When the secretary of defense needs a secure communication line and leaves with a smile — it’s a great feeling,” he said. A “firewall five” on a customer feedback only enhances the feeling. “That means we did our job well.”

The team’s dedication is not only valuable, but required, said Maj. Joe Wassel, military assistant to the secretary of defense for communications.

“There isn’t a computer store on every street corner in Istanbul (Turkey),” Wassel said. “And if we have communications problems in Tokyo at 3 a.m., we can’t just run out and get whatever’s needed to fix it.”

That is why team members must think ahead, and “outside the box,” and ensure they pack what they might need. They are magicians sometimes, he said.

Every overseas trip is an event in itself. From the moment, for example, that the defense secretary departs Andrews Air Force Base, Md., until he returns, the team could move 2,000 pages of classified documents. They could have done 100 telephone patches, supported 35 cellular phones and 84 movements in seven hotels.

“It’s a Super Bowl-level challenge,” Wassel said.

Meeting challenges has earned the team the respect of its customers, that’s paramount, said Tech. Sgt. William Hawkins, deputy communications adviser for the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff. He said real-time communications for the top military leaders is critical.

So there must be “absolute confidence and trust” in the people who provide the communications capability, he said.

The team’s reliability and professionalism doesn’t go unnoticed, Wassel said.

“The secretary gets to know their faces,” he said. “They’re allowed in the inner circle so they can make communications happen.”

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Munitions closure

The munitions storage area will be closed to all customers today due to a 100 percent closed-warehouse change of inventory. Only valid emergency issues will be processed during this period. For more information, call munitions operations, 283-4010 or 283-2374.

Friday forum

Family advocacy's Friday forum, "Stress: A Supervisor's Perspective," will be 11a.m.-1 p.m. today in the health and wellness center's Room 104. Active-duty, Department of Defense employees, retirees and spouses are welcome to bring a lunch and attend the session. For more information, call 283-7272.

Women veterans' benefits

A women veterans' benefits briefing will be 9-11 a.m. today in the family support center classroom. Ms. Renee Davis, women veteran coordinator of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Biloxi, Miss., will provide information on VA services available to women with emphasis on health care. For more information or reservations, call the family support center, 283-4205.

Project officer needed

A project officer is needed to help plan an Asian-American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month event in May. The project officer who volunteers must be appointed by the 325th Fighter Wing commander. Military or civilian employees interested in volunteering may call the military equal opportunity office by today. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Darryll Woodson, 283-2739 or 283-2751.

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Embry-Riddle registration

Registration for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Spring B term will be 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-March 16 at the base education center, Room 48. Class dates will be March 19-May 19. For more information, call the education center, 283-4557.

Anger-control workshop

The three-session anger-control workshop will continue 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday and March 19 in the family advocacy conference room. For more information or to register, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

'Moms, Pops & Tots'

The parent and child interaction play group, "Moms, Pops & Tots," for parents and their under-age-five children meets 9:30-11 a.m. every Monday at the youth center. For more information, call 286-5812.

Investing workshop

A bring-your-lunch mutual fund investing workshop

will be 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday in the family support center classroom. For more information or reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

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Newcomers' orientation

A mandatory newcomer's orientation for all those new to Tyndall will be 8-11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. Sign-up will start at 7:30 a.m. Free refreshments will be provided. For more information, call the military personnel flight's customer service office, 283-2276.

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NCO Association meeting

A Non-Commissioned Officers Association Gulf Coast Chapter meeting will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Robert Barnett, 283-8734.

Stress-management workshop

The three-session stress-management workshop will continue 1-3 p.m. Wednesday and March 21 in the family advocacy conference room. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

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Anti-terrorism briefings

Mandatory Air Force Level One anti-terrorism briefings conducted by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations will be 8 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month in Building 656 next door to the security forces building. The briefings will last approximately 30 minutes and are for Air Force members with permanent change of station or temporary duty assignments to overseas locations. For more information, call AFOSI Detachment 419 Counterintelligence Program Manager, Special Agent Doug Hartwell, 283-3261 or 283-3262.

BEST meeting

A Bay Environmental Study Team meeting will be 8 a.m.-noon Thursday in Gulf Coast Community College's Student Union building. The meeting will focus on results of the 2000 sea turtle nesting, a "Seagrass of St. Andrew Bay" video and a discussion on how a group of Tallahassee citizens achieved consensus concerning future growth and development.

NOTES

Yard-improvement supplies

Tyndall Family Housing residents can pick up landscaping timbers, mulch and other yard-improvement supplies noon-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday from the housing-improvement center, Building 3304. Plants can be ordered noon-7 p.m. on Wednesdays and picked up 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays or ordered 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays and picked up noon-7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Steve Calhoun, 283-4689 or Doug Hall, 283-4648. The plant program will end April 25.

Free child care for newcomers

Free child care is available to spouses wishing to attend the Tyndall Happy Landings newcomers' orientations. The child care is provided at the child development center and is sponsored by the Tyndall Officers' Spouses Club. For more information, call the relocation assistance program office, 283-4204. For child-registration information, call the child development center, 283-4747.

Sewer line repairs

The 325th Civil Engineering Squadron will be replacing sewer lines in Wood Manor III and parts of the Wood Manor I and II family housing areas. Due to the necessity to dig in front yards and streets, there will be times when residents will not be allowed to use their water or sewer services. These services include clothes washers, dishwashers, showers, sinks, bathtubs, toilets and garden hoses. Residents will be notified in writing prior to the start of any work in yards. For more information, call Huey Moore, 283-4731.

TOSC scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for the Tyndall Officers Spouses Club scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded to high school students who are military dependents and to a military spouse. Packets may be picked up from the education building's reception desk or from high school guidance counselors. The deadline for submitting applications is March 31. For more information, call Patrice Henderson, 271-8610.

Moving wall volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to provide security 24 hours a day during the last week in March for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall sponsored by the Non-Commissioned Officers Association. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Robert Barnett, 283-8734.

Voice mail appointments

The 325th Medical Group is now offering patients the option of using voice mail to request a routine or annual family practice appointment or to request an acute appointment from the family practice triage nurse. Call the appointments line, 283-2778, and leave a message. Staff will call back between 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 3 -4 p.m. for appointment scheduling and between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for the triage nurse line. Patients should not leave a message if they believe they have an urgent medical problem.

Child-care program

A new extended-duty child-care program has been implemented to assist parents whose work schedules temporarily require child care beyond the Tyndall Child Development Center's hours. This additional care is provided in a contracted licensed family child-care home. Arrangements must be coordinated with the CDC and the Family Child Care Program. For more information, call family child-care coordinator Ina Crawford, 283-2266.

YARD SALES

There are no yard sales scheduled for Saturday.

BASE THEATER

Today: "Sugar and Spice" (PG-13, language, sex-related humor and some theme-related elements, 82 min.)
Saturday: "Save the Last Dance" (PG-13, violence, sexual content, language, brief drug references, 113 min.)
Sunday: "Save the Last Dance"
Thursday: "Snatch" (R, strong violence, language, some nudity, 103 min.)
●All movies start at 7 p.m.

Girl Scouts Celebrate 89th Birthday

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Low announced, “I’ve got something for the girls of Savannah and all America and all the world and we’re going to start it tonight!” With those words Girl Scouting in the United States was born. This year Girl Scouts are celebrating Girl Scout Week March 11 - 17.

Girl Scouting has touched the lives of over 43 million women since it began in 1912. These women have gone on to become outstanding members of our community. Most Girl Scout alumnae believe that their experiences in Girl Scouting have had a positive effect on their adult lives in the areas of self-confidence, moral values, ability to work with others, ability to make friends, leadership skills, volunteering, and serving their community.

As Girl Scouting celebrates its 89th anniversary, people involved in the Girl Scout movement have many reasons to be proud. Girl Scouting is a timeless American tradition, one that is synonymous with instilling in girls solid values, leadership skills, and a wide and genuine appreciation for racial, ethnic, religious, and cultural diversity. Girl Scouting offers girls a sense of purpose and instills in them the self-confidence to grow strong. Girl Scout troops are active

in the your community participating in parades, community service projects and the fun of Girl Scouting.

Outstanding program activities are designed to give girls a taste of leadership, an appreciation of diverse cultures, and an opportunity to put to use the values they pledge to uphold when they make the Girl Scout Promise. “On my honor, I will try: to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.”

Recently the Girl Scout troops of Tyndall held a Thinking Day Event. Thinking Day is celebrated every year on February 22 and is a time for Girl Scouts to learn about other countries, their culture, food, clothing, customs, etc. The girls learn that Girl Scouts are part of a worldwide organization called the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

When asked the question, What does Girl Scouting mean to you? Sarah says, “It means that our leadership will lead to a better world and a safer world than yesterday.” Jennifer says, “You

make new friends!! You have lots of fun!! You take field trips!! You learn about other countries!! You earn try-its!! (Badges for Brownie Girl Scouts)” According to Paige, Girl Scouting means “to have fun and do activities. To be friendly and to make new friends. Sing new songs and to learn new things and to meet new people.” Elizabeth and Kayla both agree, “We like to meet new friends.” “To have fun and do fun stuff” is why Meghan is in Girl Scouting. Rebecca sums it up quite nicely with a poem. “I like Girl Scouts. It’s a lot of fun. We learn new things and we help everyone.”

According to a recently released outcomes study, *Girls, Families and Communities Grow Through Girl Scouting*, parents and volunteers benefit from Girl Scouting as much as the girls themselves. Among the findings, 54 percent of the parents polled report that Girl Scouting allows them to spend more quality time with their daughters and nearly 50 percent find that their relationship with their daughter has improved.

Overall, when Girl Scouts and non-members of the same age group were surveyed, Girl Scouts reported significantly greater opportunities for experiencing leadership, teamwork, feelings of belonging, values/decision-making, helpfulness, and respect for others. These benefits are directly related to the goals of the Girl Scout program. Other research has shown that when girls experience these outcomes, they are less likely to make health-compromising choices and are more likely to make choices that promote healthy development.



Girl Scout volunteers said they have developed leadership skills and 74 percent felt their self-confidence has increased because they served as Girl Scout troop, group, or assistant leaders. Almost all of the volunteers (95 percent) felt they had a positive influence on the development of girls. Karen Bedtelyon, leader of Brownie troop 78 and Junior troop 422, agrees. She says, “As a leader, I like to share my interests with the girls and teach them that they can do anything they set their minds to and that new experiences can be fun. I enjoy being with the girls and getting to know them and building the leaders of tomorrow.”

If you’ve been thinking about incorporating something new into your routine that’s both exciting and meaningful, becoming a Girl Scout volunteer may be just the thing. If you think you don’t have the time or just can’t imagine yourself entertaining a group of girls every week, then you must not be familiar with today’s Girl Scouting.

As Girl Scouting grows to include a wide variety of girls, so does the need for a diverse group of adult volunteers. While some of today’s Girl Scouts do indeed meet weekly, go camping, and sell Girl Scout cookies, many other girls in Girl Scouting have different interests and needs. They may want to learn about specific careers, may want to take on leadership roles and initiate community projects, or may wish to become involved in a host of other activities. Every Girl Scout activity is, of course, planned to be fun, as well as educational.

Why be a Girl Scout volunteer? Because girls need you.

We encourage ALL girls, ages 5 - 17, who want to discover the power

of girls together in Girl Scouting to join the Girl Scouts and join the fun! And adults - make a difference in a girl’s life, volunteer with the Girl Scouts today. And don’t forget to support your local Girl Scouts by buying Girl Scout cookies. The troops will be out and about through March 18.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world’s preeminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.6 million girls and adults. In Girl Scouting-and its special girls-only environment-girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. The Girl Scout Council of the Apalachee Bend serves 3,100 girls in 15 counties. Call Chris Owens at 271-0902 for more information.

Girl Scout Points of Interest

- According to a recently released outcomes study, *Girls, Families and Communities Grow Through Girl Scouting*, parents and volunteers benefit from Girl Scouting as much as the girls themselves.
- Fifty-four percent of the parents polled report that Girl Scouting allows them to spend more quality time with their daughters.
- Nearly 50 percent of parents find that their relationship with their daughter has improved.
- Girl Scout volunteers said they have developed leadership skills and 74 percent felt their self-confidence has increased because they served as Girl Scout troop, group, or assistant leaders.
- Almost all of the volunteers (95 percent) felt they had a positive influence on the development of girls.
- When Girl Scouts and non-members of the same age group

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were surveyed, Girl Scouts reported significantly greater opportunities for experiencing leadership, teamwork, feelings of belonging, decision-making, helpfulness, and respect for others. These benefits are directly related to the goals of the Girl Scout program.

●Other research has shown that when girls experience these outcomes, they are less likely to make health-compromising choices and are more likely to make choices that promote healthy development.

●The Girl Scout Council of the Apalachee Bend serves approximately 3,100 girls. Daisy Girl Scouts, ages 5-6, kindergarten or grade 1; Brownie Girl Scouts, ages 6-8, grades 1-3; Junior Girl Scouts, ages 8-11, grades 3-6; Cadette Girl Scouts, ages 11-14, grades 6-9; Senior Girl Scout, ages 14-17, grades 9-12.

Bowl a few frames
at *Raptor Lanes*

Hours of operation

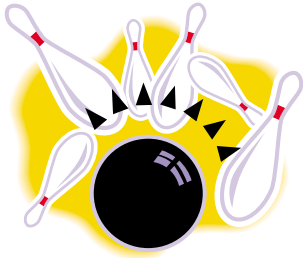
Monday-Wednesday: 10
a.m.-10 p.m.

Thursday: 9
a.m.-midnight

Friday: 10 a.m.-2
a.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m.-
2 a.m.

Sunday: 1-8 p.m.




Come and
support the
325th
Maintenance
Squadron’s
tournament for
the Air Force
Assistance
Fund tonight

Tyndall
Classifieds

●1991 Vulcan 500
motorcycle, excellent
condition, 10,000 miles, two
helmets, vests, more. Asking
\$1,925. For more details, call
Brian, 871-2380.

●Wanted: small dog. Would
like miniature schnauzer or
poodle that is out of the
“puppy stage.” Call Gina, 522-
1841 in town.

To place a free Tyndall Classified
ad, pick up a classified request
form in person from the Public
Affairs office, Building 662, Suite
129. Certain restrictions apply. For
more information, contact
Catherine Layton, 283-8579.



Get the facts first.
Call Chief Master
Sgt. Ron Georgia,
325th Fighter Wing
career assistance
adviser at
283-2222
(283-Career
Assistance Advice
Anytime).


Thinking
about getting
out? Think
again!

Tyndall's chapel schedule

Protestant Communion Service: 9:30 a.m. Chapel 1 General Protestant Service: 11 a.m. Chapel 2 Sunday school: 9:30 a.m. Kids' Club: 2:45-5:45 p.m. Wednesday	Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, Chapel 2 Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Chapel 2 Religious education: 10:50 a.m. Sunday Chapel 2: 283-2925 Other faith groups: Call 283-2925
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Catholic
Daily Mass: noon Monday
through Friday, Chapel 2

Spotlight



2nd Lt. Brian Cortez

Airman 1st Class Julie A. Gubler

Job Title: Jet Engine Mechanic
Why did you join the Air Force: To serve my country and the education benefits.
Years in Air Force: 1 year, 8 months
Hometown: Eustis, FL
Years at Tyndall: 1 year
Most exciting facet of your job: Watching the F-15s take off with the engine I helped trim.
Short-term goals: Receive the outstanding rating for hazardous communication program during Operational Readiness Inspection and to finish my training.
Long-term goals: To finish my degree and major in nutritional management
Favorite book: "When the Wind Blows" by James Patterson
Favorite movie: "When a Man Loves a Woman"
Hobbies and activities: Drawing, volunteering and shopping

Tyndall AFB recycling program

Robert S. Myers

Tyndall Recycling Coordinator

The year 2000 was another profitable year for recycling. The center recycled approximately 1,179 tons. Revenues from sales of recyclables were \$122,200. The program saved the government in cost avoidance (diverting materials away from landfill or incinerator) an estimated \$177,000. So Tyndall is doing something right. However, we still need your help and participation.

Participation in housing and in the general office area is declining. This decline is not directed at the program as a whole, just in certain areas. Hopefully by getting the word out recycling will again be on the rise. Our office hours are Monday-Friday, 0700-1530. We provide curbside pickup in housing on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We pick up the Recycling Huts on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Pickup of office areas are Monday-Friday. The Scrap yard in the 6000 area is open for business Monday-Friday from 0800-1430. We transport cardboard trailers daily as needed. If you have a requirement for a cardboard trailer due to receipt of furniture, computers, etc, just give us a call at 283-2267 and we will locate a trailer by the requested area.

The Recycling Center recycles a number of things. The following are just a few:

- Cardboard – All types to include corrugated, soda/beer boxes, grocery sacks, etc (please break

down the boxes)

- Glass – Clear, Amber and Green primarily beer/soda and alcoholic beverage bottles (no household glass such as drinking glasses, coffee cups window panes etc)
- Plastic – PET 1 and HDPE 2 only, soda bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles etc (please remove lids and rinse thoroughly)
- Paper – White ledger, colored paper, newspaper, magazines, phone books (please sort and separate and no shredded paper, carbon paper or envelopes with plastic windows)
- Aluminum Cans – All beer and soda cans and some food containers. Steel cans are not accepted at this time (please rinse thoroughly)
- Toner Cartridges - cartridges of all types and sizes
- Lead-Acid Batteries – Any kind of auto batteries (please no nickel-cadmium, flashlight batteries etc)
- Scrap Metal – All kinds of scrap steel, aluminum, copper, lead, stainless steel, brass and most insulated copper and aluminum core wire. If in doubt, give us a call.
- Moving Materials - all the cardboard boxes and packing paper. Please break down all the boxes with the exception of the ones that are filled with packing paper. Please remove all trash and non-recyclable items such as clothing, toys etc.

Maintenance of recyclable receptacles in office and housing areas are the responsibility of the tenants and occupants. Periodic cleaning of containers is a must. If a container is

beyond wear and tear and must be replaced please contact the Recycling Center at 283-CANS for office areas and the Housing Contractor DGR at 286-6495 for housing areas.

There are three centrally located drop-off stations for recyclables, one across from Burger King, one located in the lemon-lot across from the TLF area and one on the flightline side of the base near the flightline barber shop. These stations can be used by anyone wishing to recycle (civilians working on the base, retirees etc)

Periodic survey of trash receptacles and dumpsters around the base are still showing a number of recyclables being thrown out and ultimately ending up in a landfill or incinerator. It takes a little extra time to keep the recyclables out of the waste stream but it is for a good cause. Please help to preserve our environment for the future. Thanks for recycling!

